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SIXTEEN HUNDRED CHILDREN GIVE THANKS

In the name of sixteen hundred children "The Evening World" thanks the Aldermen for voting to these children a chance and a place to go to school. Not until September probably will the old Essex Market be made ready for them. The long vacation begins in a few weeks. During July and August the best music in the Tenth Ward will be the sound of saw and hammer on this temporary school-house.

Not for long should it be used. "The Evening World" hopes before another long vacation arrives to see a new school-house two or three new school-houses where they are so urgently needed. Whatever else of good for its people the city has in view can well wait till proper care and attention are given to the children. Free baths, free parks, free museums are all good—but their number increases—but before they should be thought of the little ones should be looked after, for in teaching them now you care for them forever and you care for the future of your city.

"The Evening World" feels that in looking after the schools and seeing that as far as cumbrous laws permit no child is kept from learning it is rendering the greatest service to the city now and in the years to come.

HOW FOR THE LIGHTS.

With but one voice saying no, the Aldermen have passed the ordinance requiring all passenger vehicles to carry lamps at night. It is scarcely a week since "The Evening World" first suggested this reform, so urgently needed for the protection of everybody who uses at night the park drives and the boulevards of the upper city. An idea prevails that it is needed for the riders of bicycles alone. This is not so. They will be safer, of course, but so will be the carriage riders and the men and women on foot.

Already many owners of passenger vehicles have begun to use the lamps. They were quick to perceive the good of the ordinance. As soon as Mayor Strong signs it, it will be a city law and collisions will be fewer and life will be safer in the city.

RUMORS ABOUT OSCAR WILDE.

At the time of Oscar Wilde's trial it was common gossip that he would come out of the ordeal with conviction and punishment, and that the highest influences were at work in his behalf. He was found guilty, and the extreme penalty of the law, two years' solitary confinement at hard labor, was imposed by the Court.

Now that he is declared to have become insane, the English people are expressing the belief that his alleged malady is a pretense and is designed as an excuse for his pardon and release.

This is nonsense. The law is not as loosely administered in England as it is here, and there is not the slightest probability of Wilde's pardon. If he should really lose his reason he would become a prisoner in a lunatic asylum for the term of his sentence instead of in Pentonville Prison, but there would be no "discharge" at the end of a few weeks, as there might be here.

A PROPER PARDON.

Nearly six years ago public sympathy was warmly enlisted in the case of Charles Giffin, a young man who was tried and convicted on a charge of murder. It will be remembered that he offered a five-dollar bill at a West Houston street bakery, the proprietor of the bakery pronounced the bill a counterfeit and refused to return it to Giffin, that a fight followed, that the baker, his brother, the shop man, a saleswoman and the baker's wife all set on Giffin, that a pistol was fired, and the baker's wife was shot and killed.

The bill was not produced. The ownership of the pistol was not traced to Giffin. But he was convicted and sentenced to death, the sentence being afterwards commuted to life imprisonment. He is now seriously ill, and the doctors believe his own death to be only a question of a few weeks.

Yesterday Gov. Morton issued a pardon to Giffin, who will now die out of prison and after restoration to his daughter, a child nine or ten years old.

The action of the Governor will be generally and warmly approved.

DIRTY-FACED NOW, BUT WAIT.

David Herman, a little four-year-old New Yorker, was lost last Sunday. The family was, of course, greatly excited over his disappearance, and his sister, after making a long and trembling search, appeared at Police Headquarters and waited there all night for him to be brought in. Meanwhile David was sleeping cheerfully in the matron's cot in the same building, but his sister didn't know him because his face had been washed.

There are thousands of dirty-faced boys in the streets of New York who look as if they lived a thousand miles from soap and water. If they were washed once a month even some of their own families wouldn't recognize them. But never mind, their faces will be washed some day, and will gladden, and people will perhaps become familiar with their beaming outlines. Thirty odd years hence some now grimy-faced little David will be scolding his white-faced wife in the United States Senate lavatories, or perhaps mopping off his brow with a nice soft towel in the White House.

We don't know when we will have this rapid transit, but the Commission has a list of spots that it favors for local and express stations. Should it happen that rapid transit doesn't ever reach here we might do with these spots as the town of Haverhill, Mass., does with corner lots that it doesn't want. It has placed little memorial stones on each explaining that "This spot once caught the fancy of the Rapid Transit Commissioners, who thought it would look well as a local (or express) station."

Great consolation it must be for Messrs. Shannon and Henry that after spending a year in prison for burglary, it has been discovered that they are innocent. These two men will carry around in their hearts a great and undying love for justice, of course. Their pardons came late, but in them as in other matters, the old proverb applies: "Better late than never."

The traction war on the Kingsbridge route is over, and it appears that the Third avenue cable pulled harder than the Metropolitan syndicate. It remains to be seen that the successful company shall make every just return, not only in a financial way, but in the matter of good transit service as well, for the invaluable privilege.

If the rush of Brooklynites to New York for Sunday shaves should prove too heavy for the local barbers, what is the matter with sending the overflow to the Ludlow Street Jail to have their faces mowed.

Forecaster Dunn says this isn't a cool wave. It is only a little fryd rind. What about it, fill the bill, and we suggest that it be given the freedom of the city for as long as it cares to stay.

It is not reported that Platt's pulse changed when the Millholland Club was incorporated yesterday. But the blood may be stirred when Parkhurst goes out into the State next Fall.

Three harbor collisions in one day, and that day not a foggy one, make altogether too much of a record. It would appear that some inquiries are in order.

Jersey City has advertised for a new water supply. If she gets it a lot of perniciouly active microbes will be hoped, b— thrown out of employment.

The example of the Police Department in calling off its annual parade is lost on Tammany. The Hall will not omit its annual celebration of July 4.

A man has had his name changed because it sounded like "Scotch Whiskey." Probably he was afraid the name would drive him to drinking the stuff.

Allison certainly comes under the description of "some good Western man." But so does Harrison and so does McKinley. Three make a crowd.

While the rapid transit details are being settled it should not be forgotten that "Fifteen minutes to Harlem" is to be one of them.

Dr. Parkhurst has shaken hands with the new Chief of Police. He was sitting up his hands all the time at the former Chief.

Illinois Democrats are putting a Populist frigate into the Convention proceedings to-day. They are whooping up free silver.

"The Evening World" scored two four-base hits yesterday on the Essex Market School and the new lamp ordinance.

At last Spain regrets the Alliance affair. She will not let such a thing happen again. It was time for her to see.

The new consolidation cry in Brooklyn for Sunday use only: Come to the Greater New York and be shaved.

Allison is the only dinnerless and unperpetrated Republican Presidential boom that has yet reached New York.

What the Powers should do in this Armenian affair is to send a "Thanksgiving Eve thrill through Turkey."

Mayor Strong has approved the New York and Brooklyn Tunnel Bill. This does not dig the tunnel.

The lamp ordinance victory is not for bicyclists alone, nor even chiefly. It is for public safety.

The Trusts will, indeed, lose a good and great friend if Olney moves up in the Cabinet.

"More freethugs nabbed." It will not be enough till all the freethugs are nabbed.

Gen. Harrison may see us later. He hopes to have his boom still with him.

Giant victories are too occasional. Why not make them a regular feature?

They are finding out in New Jersey where a number of men got it.

Unhappy lies the head that carries a Presidential boom.

Was Oscar Wilde ever sane?

Final Test of Citizenship.

The final test of good citizenship is right voting. Right thinking is not enough; patriotic enthusiasm is not enough; anything that supersedes the actual casting of the ballot is not enough; it is merely preparation.—Kansas City Star.

A DISTRESSING ILLUSION.



It looked as if the new woman had taken to smoking the pipe.



But as she wheeled away and the perspective changed the illusion vanished.

HUSBANDS THAT ARE SPANKED.

And Not One Seems to Deem It Humiliation or Injustice.

To the Editor:

I think the individual who signs himself "The Happy" betrays trouble. He should be thankful that he has a wife who is willing to take upon herself the correction of his faults. I have such a wife, and I do not regret it. I have such a wife, and I do not regret it. I have such a wife, and I do not regret it.

With me a sin of omission or commission is followed by a stinging five minutes across my wife's knee at bedtime. That ends it as far as she is concerned. If this method of settling domestic difficulties were more prevalent we should have fewer wrecked homes and fewer resorts to the divorce court.

I do not think, however, that I am the only husband who submits to loving but firm chastisement by a devoted wife. I am sure there are many more such. If they come to my front, as I have done, and give their testimony and experience, I feel sure that your correspondent will be convinced not only that he has no real ground of complaint, but that he should be thankful and happy.

ANTI-SCHOOL.

"Unhappy" ought not to complain. I, too, married a man three years ago, who, although stronger than myself, promised as a condition of my marriage to submit to corporal punishment when I considered it necessary. Whenever he now stays out later than necessary I vigorously apply a ration for about two minutes, sometimes going even so far as to use a cat-o-nine-tails. The effect is very salutary, and as I never punish because of any violent passion, my husband always acknowledges the justice of my doings, and corrects his faults in the future.

"Unhappy" does not know when he is well off. I have a wife whose tongue stings more than any whip or strap. When I offend her she gives me a tongue lashing which sometimes continues for days. If she would, instead of this, simply apply corporal punishment as "Unhappy" wife does, and stop there, I should sign myself—Happy.

Let "Unhappy" do as I did. My wife often gave me a good sound spanking, but she spanked me once when I knew I did not deserve it. The next morning while she was asleep, I tied her hands and feet, and with the same strap gave her a good spanking. She has not spanked me since. This, I think, the only remedy.

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MISS JANET ACHURCH.

There were moments last night during Miss Janet Achurch's impersonation of Stephanie de Mohrviart in "Forget-Me-Not," at Hoyt's Theatre, when you said to yourself, "What a very pleasing actress she is!" but scarcely had you made this mental criticism than you were obliged to retract it. Something Miss Achurch did offend you, and you felt inclined to set her down as crude. This sort of contradiction was very frequent. A gentle naturalness gave way to a hard conventional stageiness; soft, purring tones without any provocation broke out into the mountainous contra-tenors of Maggie Cline; the calm repose of a Duse face gave way to the distorted mouthings of Mrs. Kendal.

Miss Achurch expressed her emotion very often by long one corner of her mouth up to her left ear, and then letting it gradually work its way down. "Hail hail!"—one of those laughs that novelists call "the Duchess" call flendish and make the Deans and the maniacs to indulge in them. I suppose, just as you were expecting a ripple of feminine mirth.

Miss Achurch is, in point of fact, provoking. I am not quite sure that she is worth analyzing very completely, but on the principle of the old saying, "It is better to know a man's faults than to know his virtues," I will analyze her for the purpose of showing people what she can do, and is entitled to a certain amount of admiration. It would not do to pass over Miss Achurch's performance in silence. Besides, she is exceedingly conscientious, and some of the most interesting moments of the play were hers. Fortunately for the critic, very few actresses are so anxious for critical opinion as Miss Achurch. It would be melancholy and hateful if every young woman with stage ambitions opened a playhouse on her own account. Life would scarcely be worth living.

As Stephanie de Mohrviart, Miss Achurch courted comparison with veterans like Genevieve Ward and Rose Coghlan. Merciful heavens! I've unwittingly called Rose Coghlan a veteran! Save me! Save me! In her quiet moments the comparisons were favorable; in her emotional episodes they were not. Miss Achurch is certainly a comedienne. She is not an emotional actress in any sense of the word. She scarcely knows what emotion means. Her tears wouldn't deceive an infant.

Her agony is laid on so thickly that it repels one. But the comedienne, the actress, the actress, the actress, she showed a consummate appreciation of humor, suggesting Mrs. Kendal at her best, in "A Scrap of Paper," for instance, and her audience was very pleased with her at these times. As a member of a stock company, Miss Achurch would be quite a success. I should love to know where this lady picked up that dream worn in the second act. Anything like it I have never seen. Candor compels me to add: And I hope I never shall. It looked to me as though she had bought a lot of material and had been told, "Some actors are so stupid that they will believe anything." I should love to know where this lady picked up that dream worn in the second act. Anything like it I have never seen. Candor compels me to add: And I hope I never shall. It looked to me as though she had bought a lot of material and had been told, "Some actors are so stupid that they will believe anything."

Miss Achurch had satisfactory support. William F. Howe, an effective, though at times rather wooden Sir Horace Welby, and Miss Jennie Weatherly, a delightful comedienne, was delightfully amusing as Mrs. Foley. Miss Eleanor Merron, as the sister of the woman who never appears, and whom you are always longing to see, was duly pallid and sympathetic. Her Prince Malott's Italian brogue was put on as lightly as his wig. To-morrow night Miss Achurch returns to the "Dolls' House." She will be very good in it. Every actress is an actress, and it is an astonishing fact that nobody has ever failed in this libelous play.

ALAN DALE.

BY OTHER EDITORS.

Romance Will Come Again.

Popular taste is experiencing a reaction. It is surfeited with analysis, philosophy and gloom. The effort is very salutary, and as I never punish because of any violent passion, my husband always acknowledges the justice of my doings, and corrects his faults in the future.

A McKinley Omen.

Whatever time may show McKinley's calculations knocked into, it's a fact the original Napoleon is associated with a cooked hat.—Philadelphia Times.

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